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## Letter from Floride Calhoun to Anna Clemson, 1857 November 25

Floride Calhoun

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Charlotta Hotel

25<sup>th</sup> Nov 1859

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C626.

My dear Anne

You will be surprised

to hear we are here probably for  
a month, certainly for three weeks,  
as Kate, was confined a few hours  
after our arrival here, in consequence  
of an accident on the Rail road, and  
brought forth a girl child, although  
a very small babe, still looks as  
though it would live, and a sweet little  
creature, and perfect in every way.  
It is a boy, and I think looks like  
me. We have a very responsible  
white nurse, which we will take  
with us to Florida, at least for

a few weeks, as I am in hopes she  
will be able to do without a wet nurse,  
as she already has milk in her breasts,  
and the babe sucks the bottle nicely.  
Kate is doing remarkably well, and  
desires much to go, she wrote you  
just before we left home.

Mr. Smith, her Aunt left us this  
morning for the journey, fearing Mrs  
Putnam might feel uneasy about Kate.  
As usual Kate had no one but myself,  
with her, as it took place during the  
night, and when she sent for me, I did  
not think she was in labour although  
she had considerable pain, and before her  
Aunt got into the room she said quite  
calmly, Mother do take the child, it is  
already born, and I had to attend to it  
until Dr. Fiddings came which was



Some time as he was a great distance,  
from the Hotel, I had to wait it, and do  
every thing before we could procure a nurse.  
But it is safe over and I am thankful  
so well over. We have received so much kindness  
from persons in the Hotel. It is crowded to  
over flowing, but we fortunately have our  
delightful rooms on the third story.

Mr. Pickens, and Rose had me here  
and delighted to see me. Mr. P. made particular  
inquiries about you, and desires Mrs.  
William, has just arrived with the horses,  
so we send him down before us by the road.

Will, has purchased a nice carriage,  
so we can ride when we wish. Fannie, Logan  
and Lizzy, are so frequently, and Fannie sends  
us many nice things every day. The Charlotte  
Hotel, where we are, is delightfully kept  
and the servants very attentive. Mr. Wells

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who you may recollect as Mr. Hallett's  
nurse, is Housekeeper here and of  
course we gave the letter for it as  
we are old acquaintances. ~~Many~~ persons  
have called on me and I expect more than  
I care for well to see me.

So write me immediately, and let me know  
if you have heard from Patrick, as  
I understand he will not come  
South this winter, which I am sorry for  
as I wish to see him on business of  
importance. Love to Floride when you  
write him, and Calhoun also, and Aunt  
Lipsie for the Corrells. Kat and Willy  
will be much true to all & I yourself  
you devoted mother

Floride Calhoun

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